

DIRECTOR'S COUNCIL
April 11, 2007

Dennis Andersen & Susan Allen-Bosco: (Serials Acquisitions and Control)

- (1) As always, Serials fund code lists continue to be updated on an ongoing basis with current prices, identifying titles not yet billed, with the goal of obtaining an accurate picture of serials expenditures needed for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- (2) We are continuing to clean up our serials binding backlog which has accumulated over the last two years.
- (3) Stephanie has finished working with Keith Krejci, Bridgeport National Bindery and DoIT to install LARS in the Computer Science Library. The title database has now been loaded and is up and running, facilitating binding operations at that branch.
- (4) Other operations (invoice payment, claiming, and serial receiving) are up to date.

Dana Antonucci-Durgan: (Chemistry Library)

We have attained our weeding goal for the renovation project.

Current Collection: 6,300 linear feet

Proposed space in new library and basement storage facilities: 7,000 linear feet

We still have some additional titles to weed which will reduce the collection by another 300 linear feet.

Nathan Baum: (Digital Resources)

>Have begun process of contacting eresource providers to determine cost increases resulting from adding the Southampton campus.

>Lauren, a student we share with Circulation, has been checking title lists to ensure holdings are correctly entered into our SerialsSolutions profile. This is an ongoing procedure. We also will be training Jeanne Quagliata to help when she's able.

>Ken DiFiore of Portico visited and demonstrated this resource for archiving electronic resources. We are planning to become a Portico participant in the next FY.

>Bob Nardini of Coutts came to demonstrate their e-book platform, MyiLibrary. I've been looking into the possibility of making some of the ebook collections we already own available on MyiLibrary.

>The SUNY-wide membership in BioMedCentral expired at the end of March. The benefit of this membership was that it allowed SUNY authors to publish in the BMC open access journals without being assessed author fees. I am looking into the possibility of another type of membership that would require us to pay a fixed annual fee that would result in discounted author fees for publication in BMC journals.

>The "defrag team," an offshoot of one of the Trendspotting meetings, is trying to conceptualize ways to improve access to eresources. Team members include William Glenn, Jason Torre, Fang Peng, and Aimee de Chambeau.

Digitization:

>At our last team meeting, Jason reported that Disabled Students Services has been successful in uploading material to ContentDM server.

>Jason has trained Lauren to upload Physics translation journals into dSpace. The procedure appears to be going smoothly.

>Jason, Kristen, and I have been meeting variously with representatives of the Graduate School, Graduate Council, and the Campus Counsel to work out the details to implement electronic submission of dissertations on campus.

David Bolotine: (Cataloging)

Testing about to begin for Aleph version 18. Authorities portion should follow in about 3 months at which time the indexes will be edited and run.

Version 1.70 of OCLC Connexion was loaded onto our terminals last month. It had a major flaw and was quickly replaced by 1.72 which resolved the problem. Among the enhancements is the Find in a Library service at WorldCat.org. which displays all holdings and locations with our library listed first and offers various helpful and related links for each title.

The department stands ready to undertake the task of building and maintaining bibliographic access and control of digitized collections presently under the management of Special Collections & University Archives. At this time the workflow, methods and staff assignments have yet to be determined.

Barbara Brand: (ILL)

We're having some problems with a new version of ILLiad. The SQL server is much slower than before and automatic updating is not working well, Atlas Systems, which developed the software and hosts our server, says the problem is not at their end. Bezhad and Nikia have been working on it. We are also having some problems with the LAND New York State delivery system. After several days when nothing was delivered we received sixty-seven bags on April 3. On an average day we receive ten or so bags. Some items had been shipped two weeks before. I'm working with Jane Neale from NYLINK, which contracts for the service, to try to figure out what went wrong.

I attended an OCLC/RLG symposium three weeks ago. The topic was "Discovery to Delivery and Beyond." Most speakers agreed that discovery is increasingly outside the domain of libraries. The major challenge is the delivery of collections and services. A Netflix delivery model for the delivery of physical material was mentioned several times. Roy Tennant said that we should not assume that print is passe. Improved discovery may increase demand. He demonstrated a program which works with a browser like Firefox. Someone using Wikipedia can click on a reference and have the reference searched in the local library catalog. A speaker

from the Swiss National Library described their free digitization on demand project. This is not a high volume program and delivery takes about two weeks. John Wilkins from the University of Michigan described working with Google. Michigan is allowing Google to digitize only out-of-copyright material. University administrators seem to think that the Google project will mean that the library will need much less space. In fact, most holdings are in-copyright or serials so requirements for stack space will continue. OCLC people demonstrated enhanced WorldCat with geolocation (going by the IP of the user) displays in a choice of citation styles, and articles. Users will be able to establish profiles and create recommendation lists. (like those in Amazon) New services for libraries appear to be aimed at supplanting the local catalog. RLG people spoke about developing niche services that go beyond the "lowest common denominator" of Google. This was not entirely clear to me. They did speak about extending the "SHARES network of trust" for delivery of physical material. The most interesting thing from my viewpoint was the attendance of representatives from many libraries such as the U. of Washington, U. of Oregon, and MIT which were not RLG members before.

Sherry Chang: (Public Services)

Moving of video collection from Central Reading Room to the Circulation Dept. on the third floor was finished on April 4, 2007 and opened for regular business. Jeanne Horn is transferred to Circulation Dept. as a SL1 Instructional Support Assistant. The responsibility of Margaret Handle is switched from evening supervisor to daytime Central Reading Room Manager. The reconfiguration of Central Reading Room is now underway.

Janet Clarke: (Library Instruction Team)

1. Segments of the Library Research Tutorial have become mandatory assignments in the Q Course, which is required of students charged with academic dishonesty. Each semester, about 90-110 students are required to take this course. There has been a significant rise of internet plagiarism cases recently. According to Wanda Moore, Academic Integrity Officer, during the 2004-05 academic year, for example, there were 203 academic dishonesty accusations reported at SBU, of which 145 were for internet plagiarism. Students in the Q Course must complete the "Using the Web" and "Citing Sources" modules of the tutorial.
2. I am on a curriculum committee for FYS101, the first year seminar course for Fall semesters, working on library and diversity sections.
3. Karen Kostner is resigning her position effective April 18, 2007.

Richie Feinberg: (Preservation)

A comprehensive survey and inventory of the library's digital products, associated microfilm copies and masters, their various formats and back-up versions, and their locations in the library, on-line, and off-campus, is currently underway. This project is one of the preservation dept. goals as stated in the strategic plan.

Otherwise, it's business as usual in the dept. Chinese books that were sent out to Acme Bookbinding for preservation photocopying have been returned. Other materials sent to vendors for treatment are about to be returned.

The grant fund for '06-'07 is being spent more quickly this year. Because we are essentially running low on dough, the serials dept. has agreed to pay our Bridgeport re-binding bills. Thanks to Dan, Dennis, and Sue Allen-Bosco.

Chris Filstrup: (Library Administration)

Planning for the Southampton library is moving forward. There is general agreement that the main floor will be primarily a learning commons, managed by library and TLT staff. The floor includes a 20 seat café. I met with the architects yesterday, and they are ready for the next phase which is detailed programming. Sherry, Aimee, Susan L. and I will work on the details in the next week or so in preparation for a lengthy session with the architects.

The SUNY Center directors met last week. We are interested in expanding the shared university press collection in 07/08. We are asking our government documents librarians to investigate the benefits of shared collections. OLIS is talking about taking a new look at the OPAC once Aleph 18 is up. This will include consideration of World Cat as a local catalog. A number of consortia are moving in this direction. And we asked OLIS to review Nylink's role in the delivery of OCLC services. A large consortium of Boston libraries now deal with OCLC directly, at considerable savings. OLIS is developing pilot projects in which Center libraries take on technical services processing for the smaller campuses. The directors met with SUNY Provost Risa Palm who is supportive of collaboration among SUNY libraries.

I addressed the Senate yesterday on the issue of storage of print materials. Although there is some concern about loss of browsing, the attendees seem comfortable with just-in-time service for older publications as long as we can deliver electronic copy or return the print volume when needed.

Brigitte Howard: (Documents Receiving & Serials Cataloging)

On March 22nd, Clancy took 3,810 items (=559.5 linear feet) which makes a total of 58,584 items (8,429 linear feet) since the start in 2004. Clancy is coming this Thursday for another pick up. I cannot keep up with the receiving and cataloging of GPO materials and a solution is overdue. Weeding is coming along. Adding urls to bibliographic records and cataloging electronic journals is progressing.

Germaine Hoynos: (Personnel)
Resignations, retirements, terminations:

Godlind Johnson: (Science & Engineering Library)

Still working on emptying 4th Floor Storage - thanks to Richie for looking at titles in questionable condition and Brigitte for dealing with a continuing traffic jam of carts in front of her office. We are almost finished with the journals - now the books.

One of the NRR entrance doors will be equipped with a magnetic lock - this will make it possible to open the door from the inside without a key - a safety issue we were trying to solve. We are waiting for estimates for new flooring for the entrance area, including a path to the stairs and possibly the stair treads.

OPAC committee members are in the process of testing the Aleph18 OPAC.

Daniel Kinney: (Technical Services)

The Technical Services STARS group met with Special Collections to discuss loading content on DSpace. Technical Services and Fang and Helen will work with Special Collections on a pilot project to load content into DSpace and provide access. The pilot project will also explore ways of exporting records from OCLC to STARS and DSpace, if possible, using MARC to Dublin Core crosswalks, etc. The pilot will give a better idea of what is involved in the DSpace initiative and how much time and effort it takes. Once the technical aspects have been worked out, the selectors will be involved with the selection of content and as liaisons with faculty in their departments.

The group also discussed a proposal developed by SUNYConnect Advisory Council's Shared Services Task Force and Buffalo to provide central technical processing support services for interested SUNY libraries. Buffalo will perform technical services functions for 3-4 selected libraries on a trial basis.

Gift books will now be located in a part of the Circulation cage. The shelving for the Japanese Library was installed by Clancy Cullen last week. Tatsushi Hirono will begin arranging the library for the dedication in May.

James LaPiano: (Building Manager)

Min-Huei Lu: (Acquisitions)

Orders placed with the additional allocations started to arrive. With many orders placed at one time, YBP mixed up the invoices on the shipments to us. It created problems and will take us some time to sort it out.

We are overwhelmed at this time of the year. With the shipment from all different vendors arriving around the same time, it is impossible for us to keep receiving materials and paying invoices on time. We are trying to do our best, but some vendors just have to wait a little longer to receive their payment.

Kristen Nyitray: (Special Collections)

1) The microfilming of the Registrar's original grade reports is complete. This project will allow the Registrar to maintain and access their own records (boxes of the bound volumes were stored on shelves in Special Collections). The print copies will be retained until the fall 2007 semester and then be destroyed.

2) Collections in-process: Pietro di Donato; United States Pamphlets; Dr. John Gagnon; Environmental Defense: Washington Office; and Dr. Lee Koppelman.

3) Upcoming programs:

Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Javits Room

A Feeling of Belonging: Asian American Women's Popular Culture, 1930 - 1960

Speaker: Shirley Lim, Department of History

Tuesday, April 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Javits Room

Drawing on Experience in Adult and Continuing Education

Speaker: Paul Edelson, Dean, School of Professional Development

Thursday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Javits Room

Times of Triumph, Times of Doubt: Science and the Battle for Public Trust

Speaker: Elof Carlson, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Department of Biochemistry and Cell Biology

Wednesday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Program featuring Chinese food historian and scholar Dr. Jacqueline Newman.

Location: Charles B. Wang Center. Details TBA.

Sponsors: University Libraries and the Charles B. Wang Center

Gisele Schierhorst: (Music)

John Amrhein continues to receive training in the areas of cataloging and circulation. He has updated the Central Audio area by rearranging the equipment and removing outdated machines. Property Control has carried away some of these items. John is preparing a how-to manual that explains basic procedures in running the equipment in that room. He has digitized a number of LPs used for teaching and is investigating doing the same for some VHS tapes that are heavily used.

For the past several weeks we have focused on spending the additional budget allocation. Many university press books were purchased from YBP. Recordings, including a number of performances of operas on DVD, were purchased from Amazon and Arkiv. Manuscript facsimiles have been purchased from Old Manuscripts and Incunabula, in New York City; and some first editions were purchased from J & J Lubrano in Lloyd Harbor. A microfilm set of manuscripts from the Renaissance period will be purchased from Adam Matthew Publications.

A new shipment of reels is being prepared to send to Cutting Corp for preservation.

Hélène Volat: (Reference)

Videos -

The move to Circulation was carried out in timely fashion. Many people put much effort into it, but I wish particularly to thank David for his thoughtful plans and super-vision, and of course Mary, Jeanne, and Peggy.

Reference is planning a re-organization of the CRR. The Reference Desk should be merged with the Information Desk at a location still being actively discussed.

One of the video rooms has become a meeting room.

Plans will call for a quiet study area, and more room for terminals.

Thin Clients -

Several of the Thin Clients are not always connecting to the internet or internal databases. This happens either when signing in with NET ID or as a guest.

David Weiner: (Circulation)

1. The AV material was successfully moved on Mon. 4/2 and Tues. 4/3, including the set up of the Viewing room (in the former Document Delivery room/Key punch room/Reserve room). Document Delivery was set up in one of the former viewing rooms in CRR. The scanning equipment for E-Reserves is now in the former Gift room/former Police Satellite Office/former NOTIS training room. The Gift Book storage room is now in the former Reserve Reprint Backlog room/Electrical Closet/Smoking room. Room is a funny word when written numerous times. Jeanne's desk is now in the Reserve/Billing office, and she even sits at it. Web page updates were sent to Nathan; Reserve form updated information was sent to Melissa Bishop. There were many hands involved with the move, and I thank them all. I don't thank the hands, of course, but the people who are attached to them, and they know who they are.
2. CRR student assistants assigned to Circulation Services, are being trained in all aspects of Circulation.
3. The 24 x 7 Outside Book Return drop was split, so that one side will be for AV returns, and the other for books. This will be in effect until a new AV Drop can be purchased.
4. As of 4/10, there were 137 Regular Reserve lists received; 82 AV Reserves, and 97 E-Reserve lists. Summer: 1 E-Reserve
5. Aged Bills were printed and mailed during Spring Break.
6. Testing for Aleph 18 is underway for Circulation. Testers include, Trina/Jeanne/Hanna for Circulation; Ken for Accounts; Victor for Billing and Mary for Reserve.
7. The contract for the copiers was finally approved. Continental Copiers will, within the next couple of weeks, deliver the remaining 6 copiers (out of the total of 12). Ken has been in contact with MDS, the company that installed the Autoloader card dispenser in CRR, in regards to the purchase and installation of card readers for the copiers. Costs for these card readers has previously been discussed at a couple of meetings with library administration. Ken/Elba will train the staff in the Branch Libraries on the use of the new copiers.
8. It was agreed at a Space Team meeting, that the Gift Books will not be temporarily housed in the vacant Viewing room in CRR, but will instead go into the Cage area where shelves were prepared for AV course material, until an area can be set up on the 4th floor. This was OK with Bob.
9. During the break, Ned and Mary started weeding some of the pre 1950 pub date material that has not circulated. We will not continue with this project until the summer, when we have available carts.

Charlie Bowman: (DoIT Client Support)

We have installed Aleph 18 on test machines, updated Connexion to version 1.72, and move the Digital Lab to locations on the first and third floor.

We have been trying to understand problems with Illiad that result in an SQL error. Both vendor and Networking have been involved. While the problem is no longer happening, two things have changed. We reinstalled the firewall settings and network traffic has been reduced do to spring break. We will continue to monitor the situation. If problems reoccur please let Nikia know immediately. There was an intrusion into a small number of machines on Campus. One machine in both Circulation and Tech Services were involved. They have been cleaned and do not have any virus software on them. We feel confident that we understand the methodology of attack and and have eliminated the vulnerabilities.

Phil Doesschate: (DoIT Information Systems)

Graham Glynn: (Teaching, Learning and Technology)

Ken Doyle: (UUP Representative – No Report)